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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97 AND § 1.98**

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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find a List, on a form substantially equivalent to Form PTO-1449, of documents cited in connection with a prior application of the above-identified application, Application No. 09/903,580, filed July 13, 2001.

Since Application No. 09/903,580 is being relied upon under 35 USC § 120 in the above-identified application, copies of the listed documents are not enclosed. See 37 CFR § 1.98(d).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted concurrently with the filing of the above-identified application. Accordingly, requirements of 37 CFR § 1.97(b) are satisfied.

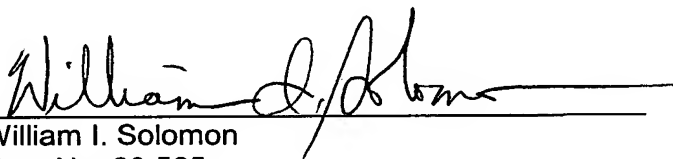
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 CFR § 1.97 and § 1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with

present submission of the enclosed list of documents. Accordingly, consideration of the listed documents, upon examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 843.40352CX1), and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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